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COMUSMACTHAI BANGKOK THAILAND

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: MARR, MASS, MPOL, TH

SUBJECT: FORMER VNAF AIRCRAFT IN THAILAND

REF: A. BANGKOK 15025 B. STATE 175110 C. BANGKOK 15838

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1. AP BUREAU CHIEF DICK BLYSTONE, USING UNNAMED THAI MILITARY SOURCE, CONTINUES TO INSIST THAT U.S. HAS REMOVED MORE FORMER VNAF AIRCRAFT FROM THAILAND SINCE TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF THEIR REMOVAL IN MID-MAY AT RTG REQUEST.

2. SPOKESMAN HERE CONTINUES TO REFER HIM TO WASHINGTON FOR ANY FURTHER COMMENT ABOUT THE DISPOSITION OF THESE AIRCRAFT.

3. BLYSTONE SAID HE RECEIVED AUGUST 12 FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM AP WASHINGTON:QTE HAVE RECHECKED PENTAGON AND STATE DEPARTMENT SOURCES, WHO INSIST AIRCRAFT IN QUESTION REMAIN IN THAILAND. PENTAGON SOURCES PUT NUMBER AT ABOUT 140 IN USABLE CONDITION, BUT AIR FORCE CONSIDERS THEM OF LITTLE VALUE -- A MIXED BAG OF T-28 TRAINERS THAT HAVE BEEN CONVERTED TO LIGHT BOMBERS, LIGHT OBSERVATION AIRCRAFT, OLD TRANSPORTS AND THE LIKE. GOOD STUFF MOVED IN MAY, WHICH WE STORIED. DEFENSE DEPARTMENT WILL MAKE NO PUBLIC

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STATEMENT BECAUSE, OFFICIALS SAY, DISPOSITION OF REMAINING AIRCRAFT

UNRESOLVED. STATE DEPARTMENT REITERATES EARLIER STATEMENT THAT THE PLANES BELONG TO U.S. WHILE OFFICIALS RELUCTANT TO DISCUSS DISPOSITION, ONE OFFICIAL SAYS THE U.S. WOULD NOT MIND LEAVING ALL OR SOME OF THE PLANES IN THAILAND IF THAIS NEED THEM. FURTHER, THERE ARE APPARENTLY NO MOVEMENTS ON THIS FRONT AND THAIS, PRESSED BY THE VIETNAMESE, PREFER NOT TO DISCUSS ISSUE. BECAUSE OF OBSOLESCENCE OF PLANES THE MATTER IS UNIMPORTANT TO U.S. AND "WE WISH IT WOULD GO AWAY." UNQTE. WHITEHOUSE

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